

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method ~~facilitating to~~ facilitate a White Board collaboration between a first client, a second client, and a third client ~~plurality of users of incompatible hardware and/or operating systems~~, comprising:

selectively generating ~~predetermined objects, text objects, active hyperlink objects, and freehand drawing objects, which are displayable~~ a first object and a second object for display at ~~user-selected~~ locations on a White Board screen of the first client ~~one of the users~~;

transmitting ~~all generated ones of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing objects~~ the generated first and second objects for selective distributions to ~~each of the other clients of the collaboration users~~;

accumulating the first and second ~~predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing~~ objects; and

filtering the first and second ~~predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing~~ objects to ~~thereby permit~~ provide within the collaboration selective retransmission of the first object for display on a White Board screen of the second and third clients, and of the second object for display on the White Board screen of the third client ~~predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing objects to respective ones of the other users.~~

2. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the filtering further comprises providing selective retransmission of the first and second objects ~~step selectively transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing objects to respective ones of the other users having at least~~ second and third clients based on a predetermined privilege level of the second and third clients.

3. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the generating of the first and second object includes generating each of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing objects ~~has an associated privilege level and wherein~~ the filtering further

~~comprises step selectively transmitting transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing the first and second~~ objects to respective ones of the other clients users having at least a privilege level corresponding to the associated privilege level.

4. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein selectively generating the first and second objects further comprises selectively generating at least one of a predetermined object, a text object, an active hyperlink object, and a freehand drawing object that is displayable on a White Board screen of the clients of the collaboration ~~said filtering step is bypassed when all of said user have an identical privilege level.~~

5. (Amended) A method ~~facilitating to facilitate a White Board collaboration between a first client, a second client, and a third client administered by a White Board server~~ plurality of users of incompatible hardware and/or operating systems, comprising:

~~generating a White Board server;~~

~~generating a plurality of White Board clients;~~

~~selectively generating predetermined objects, text objects, active hyperlink objects, active track objects, and freehand drawing objects~~ a first object and a second object on a screen associated with the first client one of said White Board clients;

~~transmitting all generated ones of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing~~ the generated first and second objects to said White Board server;

~~accumulating the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing~~ first and second objects at said White Board server; and

~~filtering the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing~~ first and second objects to ~~thereby permit said by the~~ White Board server to selectively relay ~~the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients~~ within the collaboration the first object to the second and third clients, and the second object to the third client.

6. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the filtering further comprises providing selective relaying of the first object ~~step selectively transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said White Board~~ the second and third clients based on the second and third clients having at least a predetermined privilege level.

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7. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the generating of the first and second object includes generating each of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing objects has an associated privilege level and wherein the filtering further comprises step selectively relaying ~~transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, and the freehand drawing~~ the first and second objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients of the collaboration having at least a privilege level corresponding to the associated privilege level.

8. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein selectively generating the first and second objects further comprises selectively generating at least one of a predetermined object, a text object, an active hyperlink object, and a freehand drawing object that is displayable on a White Board screen of the clients of the collaboration ~~said filtering step is bypassed when all of said White Board clients have an identical privilege level.~~

9. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 5, further comprising ~~the step of~~ shutting down at least one of ~~said White Board~~ the clients of the collaboration in response responsive to a received command signal.

10. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein selectively generating the first object includes generating an active hyperlink and the method further comprises operating of a first the active hyperlink on a the first White Board client causes to cause selected other ones of ~~said White Board~~ the clients of the collaboration to display ~~the a~~ a file specified by ~~the a~~ a universal resource locator (URL) associated with the ~~first~~ active hyperlink.

11. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 5, ~~wherein repeated operation of said selectively generating, transmitting, accumulating, and filtering steps defines a White Board session, said method further comprising storing data representative of said White Board session~~ collaboration as a web page.

12. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 5, ~~wherein repeated operation of said selectively generating, transmitting, accumulating, and filtering steps defines a White Board session, said method further comprising reconstructing said White Board session~~ collaboration from the object accumulated first and second objects ~~during said accumulating step.~~

13. (Amended) A white board server to facilitate a method facilitating collaboration between a first White Board client, a second White Board client, and a third White Board plurality of users of incompatible hardware and/or operating systems, comprising:

~~generating a White Board server;~~

~~generating a plurality of White Board clients;~~

~~generating an object server receiving a generated object;~~

an input to receive selectively generating predetermined objects, text objects, active hyperlink objects, active track objects, and freehand drawing generated objects, including a first object and a second object for ~~on a screen associated with the first whiteboard client one of said White Board clients;~~

~~transmitting all generated ones of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to said White Board sever;~~

a storage to accumulate ~~accumulating the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects at said White Board server;~~

a processor to filter the first and second ~~filtering the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to thereby permit said White Board server to selectively relay the first object to predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said the second and third White Board clients and the second object to the third white board client; and~~

~~transmitting the generated object to all of the White Board clients.~~

14. (Amended) The sever of method as recited in claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to filtering step selectively relay ~~transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing~~ the first and second objects to ~~selected ones of the other said second and third~~ White Board clients based on the second and third White Board clients having at least a predetermined privilege level.

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15. (Amended) The sever of method as recited in claim 13, wherein each of the ~~predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing~~ first and second objects has an associated privilege level and ~~wherein the processor filtering step selectively relays~~ transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing first and second objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients of the collaboration having at least a privilege level corresponding to the associated privilege level.

16. (Amended) The sever of method as recited in claim 13, wherein the first and second objects include at least one of a predetermined object, a text object, an active hyperlink object, an active track object, and a freehand drawing object ~~said filtering step is bypassed when all of said White Board clients have an identical privilege level.~~

17. (Amended) The sever of method as recited in claim 13, ~~further comprising the step of shutting wherein the processor is configure to shut~~ down at least one of ~~said the~~ White Board clients of the collaboration in response ~~responsive~~ to a received command signal.

18. (Amended) The sever of method as recited in claim 13, wherein the first object includes an active hyperlink and the processor is configured in response to operating of a first the active hyperlink on a the first White Board client causes to cause selected other ones of said White Board clients of the collaboration to display ~~the a~~ a file specified by the a universal resource locator (URL) associated with the first active hyperlink.

19. (Amended) The sever of method as recited in claim 13, wherein ~~repeated operation of said selectively generating, transmitting, accumulating, and filtering steps~~ defines a White Board session, said method further comprising storing the storage stores data representative of said White Board session collaboration as a web page.

20. (Amended) The sever of method as recited in claim 13, wherein ~~repeated operation of said selectively generating, transmitting, accumulating, and filtering steps~~ defines a White Board session, said method further comprising reconstructing the processor is configured to reconstruct said White Board session collaboration from the first and second ~~object~~ accumulated objects during said accumulating step.

21. (Amended) The sever of method as recited in claim 13, wherein said ~~generated~~ the first object comprises an object sequence, and wherein each member of said object sequence is different than all other members of said object sequence.

